

**Village of Arden
Registration Committee
Minutes of Meeting May 12, 2021**

Convener Elizabeth Varley opened the meeting at 4:00 PM. In attendance were members Elizabeth Varley, Cecilia Vore, Dela Bryan, and Marcia Scheflen. Absent was Barbara Macklem.

The first order of business was the election of Committee Chairman for the new term. Cecilia Vore was unanimously elected. Other areas of responsibility were assigned as follows: Welcome of new residents- Dela Bryan, Secretary - Marcia Scheflen, Fall Election Manager – Elizabeth Varley, March Election Manager – Barbara Macklem. Cecilia Vore will continue to maintain the database and process printing and/or posting of public notices and ballots as appropriate.

The need for an election process for the upcoming June 10 Village Meeting was introduced. This special election results from the need to replace one member of the Budget Committee and to fill vacant positions on the Safety Committee caused by an insufficient number of nominees in the regular March Election. Discussion followed concerning ways to overcome problems encountered in March with holding a ‘present members only’ vote in a virtual (Zoom) setting, while maintaining secret balloting. These challenges are in order to conform to the Village Charter requirement that the election be held AT that meeting. Suggestions proposed include using the ‘poll’ option on Zoom where possible, and making printed or printable ballots available ahead of the meeting, which could not be utilized until attendance is verified. Cecilia will continue to work with Village Chair Jeff Politis and other experts on the technical aspects in time for the meeting.

In other business Cecilia announced the formation of a new digital resource, the Arden Web Support Team, currently composed of Jennifer Borders, Carol Larson, Liz Rezko, and Cecilia. The village also has a new Web Manager, Rob Whitehead.

Future considerations included adding to or modifying the current Welcome Hither packets and making contact with a couple of hard to reach residents. Looking forward, we will be expecting new residents as leaseholds currently held by Lizzie Broadbent’s family, the Rooney family and Dan and Julia McNeil are either soon to be available or under contract.

Business having been completed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Scheflen